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Bamboo Cultivation
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the domestic demand and supply of bamboo in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a significant gap in the overall supply and demand of bamboo in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for increasing the bamboo production in the country considering its demand in national and international markets along with the target set for production by the Government in this regard and the details of subsidy/assistance provided by the Government for bamboo cultivation;

(d) the details of the achievements of the National Bamboo Mission launched in 2006 with respect to the targets set; and

(e) the details of the various possibilities of industrial production of bamboo and the plans and policies of the Government for better utilization of bamboo sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Year-wise domestic demands and supply of bamboo during last three years has not been assessed, however, as per the report of Planning Commission, Government of India, April 2003, the demand of bamboo for various purposes was estimated at 26.69 million tons as against the supply of 13.47 million tons.

(c): To promote the bamboo sector, Govt. has adopted an end to end approach which includes incentivising production of quality planting material, increasing the bamboo areas inside and outside forest through new plantation/rejuvenation of degraded bamboo areas, incentivising value addition, creation of marketing infrastructure and capacity building in all the above areas. To achieve this, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in which a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called National Bamboo Mission (NBM) is being implemented as a sub scheme. This scheme is presently being implemented since 2006-07 in all the States except Haryana. Recently, National Bamboo Mission renamed
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as National Agroforestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM) w.e.f. 6th July, 2015 of which Bamboo is an integral part.

Government of India entrusted R&D work to Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun for producing quality planting material of superior genotypes in collaboration with its research institutes. Now ICFRE is intended to multiply genotypes for various bamboo breeding/ improvement program and also for the production of quality planting material, which will be used for increasing the bamboo production in the country. Details of subsidy / assistance provided by Government for bamboo cultivation is given at Annexure − I.

(d): The major achievements of Mission which was launched in 2006 with respect to the targets set are given at Annexure − II and Annexure − III, respectively.

(e): Steps have been taken for production of various bamboo related products like bamboo furniture and bamboo handicrafts, agarbatti sticks, mat, gabion, traditional bamboo products etc. Artisans are provided with skill up-gradation training for making bamboo house / hut, bamboo stick, furniture and other bamboo craft items under NABM guidelines. There is huge potential of bamboo being used for sourcing of production of Bio-ethanol. In this connection, Govt. of Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh have signed a MoU with Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) for sourcing 5 lakh tonnes/annum bamboo for production of Bio-ethanol.